

SB No. 66 An act concerning outdoor wood burning furnaces.

I have lived next to one of these since 2004. The neighbor is grandfathered and none of the rules apply or will apply. I'm sorry to say that there is no way any authority can monitor what is burned by an individual. In my particular case, I will only say it is rarely seasoned wood judging from the colors produced from the smokestack.

The main issue is missing: There should be an amendment that states **no OWFs will be burned from May 15 to October 1** (see the MA law regarding same). This one burns on 90+ degree days, 24/7, 365 days a year. Window fans or air conditioners will only bring smoke into my house, so windows and doors have to be closed. My only relief comes on days with a southerly wind. There is no way to stop these outdoor boilers, but a limit can be put on months of no burn WITHOUT restrictions as to grandfathering. Why should a term "grandfathered" allow you to continue polluting indefinitely?

Legislation is needed. Timothy Marsh from DEEP visited the site in 2004 but the neighbor is grandfathered so there is nothing that can be done. He directed me to my town health official and I was ignored. On appeal to the town, my property assessment was reduced because they realize my plight. None of this matters—I just want to go out in my yard in the summer and not inhale smoke. That will require legislative action. I appeal to you to take a close look at this obvious pollutant.

Thank you.

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